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 RUEHJI/AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE 0803
 RUEHRH/USEFO RIYADH IMMEDIATE 0710
 RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE 1020
 RUEHBA/AMCONSUL CASABLANCA IMMEDIATE 0196
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 CASABLANCA FOR ADS
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 TAGS: FINS, ASEC, MOPS, E
 SUBJECT: BEIRUT SITREP - 1400 LOCAL, AUGUST 31
 REF: BEIRUT 9617
 1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
 2. AT APPROXIMATELY 1245 LOCAL, LAF TROOPS PASSED
 THE BRITISH EMBASSY ON THE CORNICHE PROCEEDING WEST
 TOWARD BAIN MILITAIRE. SOLDIERS WERE ON FOOT,
 WELL-SPACED AND MOVING IN A PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESSLIKE
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 MANNER. THERE WAS NO RESISTANCE TO THE LAF IN THE EMBASSY
AREA, AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN OCCASIONAL
 BURST OF SMALL ARMS FIRE AT SOME DISTANCE, BAS BEIRUT
 IS QUIET.

3. PRIOR TO THE ARMY'S DEPLOYMENT, THERE WAS HEAVY
 SHELLING IN THE BRITISH EMBASSY/DURAFFCUD AREA.
 SHRAPNEL HIT INSIDE THE DURAFFCUD COURTYARD AND AT
 200 LOCAL, TWO SHELLS HIT JUST SOUTH OF THE BRITISH
 EMBASSY. AT THE SAME TIME, MOST OF EAST BEIRUT AND
SUBURBS (INCLUDING B'AROA/YARZE) WAS ALSO SHELLED.
 RADIO LEBANON MAINTAINED THAT THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE
 WAS SYRIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE MAIN. OBSERVERS
 AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN YARZE REPORT
 OCCASIONAL OUTGOING FIRE BUT NO IMPACTS SINCE
 APPROXIMATELY 1330. THE MAU REPORTS THAT THE AIRPORT
 AREA CONTINUES TO BE GENERALLY CALM.

4. AS DATT IS REPORTING SEPARATELY, THE LAF OPERATION
 ELSEWHERE IN WEST BEIRUT IS ALSO PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.
 LATE THIS MORNING, WE HEARD VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL
 REPORTS FROM BOTH THE LAF AND SA'IB SALAM: THE MAIN
 WEST BEIRUT GROUPS (AMAL, PSP, MURABITUN) HAD
 WITHDRAWN FROM THE STREETS, LEAVING ONLY THE
 "COMMUNISTS" STILL FIGHTING.

5. RADIO MONTE CARLO HAS ATTRIBUTED TO AMAL LEADER
 NABIH BARRI AN APPEAL "FROM THE MUSLIMS OF WEST BEIRUT"
 TO STOP THE "MASSACRE" OF MUSLIMS BY THE LEBANESE
 GOVERNMENT. SA'IB SALAM HAS RESPONDED WITH A
 STATEMENT EXPRESSING HIS "SURPRISE" THAT SUCH REMARKS
 WOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO BARRI SINCE THE DEPLOYMENT OF
 THE LAF IN WEST BEIRUT WAS SUPPORTED BY MUSLIM
 LEADERS, INCLUDING BARRI HIMSELF.

6. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF A CABINET MEETING
 CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT GEMAYEL, RADIO LEBANON BROADCAST
 AT 1430 LOCAL A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT
 INVITED THE FOLLOWING TO PARTICIPATE IN A "NATIONAL
 DIALOGUE": KAMAL AL-ASSAD, CAMILLE CHAMOUN,
SULAYMAN FRAJIVAH, RASHID KARAMI, SA'IB SALAM, MAJID
ARSALAN, PIERRE GEMAYEL, GHASSAN TUMAYNI, JOSEPH SKAFF,
WALID JUMBLATT AND NABIH BARRI.

7. LATE ITEM: AT 1445 AND AGAIN AT 1450, SHELLS
 IMPACTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY.
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